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SUBJECT: SOVIETS RECEIVE LETTER ON CON GEN KIEV AND
NEW YORK

REF: A) STATE 139505 AND B) STATE 139506

1. SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR MYSHKOV CALLED AT DEPARTMENT
AFTERNOON OF JUNE 18 TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM SOV DIRECTOR
GARRISON TO MINISTER COUNSELOR VORONTSOV OUTLINING ARRANGE-
MENTS TO ACCOMPANY DEPARTMENT PERMISSION TO SOVIETS FOR
PURCHASE OF NEW YORK PROPERTY AT 9 E. 91ST STREET FOR
FUTURE SOVIET CON GEN.

2. PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS ARE :
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A. ADVANCE PARTIES ARRIVE WITHIN A FEW DAYS OF EACH OTHER
ON MUTUALLY AGREED DATES.

B. SIMULTANEOUS START OF RECONFIGURATION OF OFFICE BUILD-

INGS.

C. NEITHER OFFICE BUILDING TO BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF RECONFIGURATION EXCEPT BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, EXCEPT THAT 3 SOVIET EMBASSY EMPLOYEES MAY BE STATIONED IN NEW YORK AS BUILDING CARETAKERS AFTER SOVIETS COMPLETE PURCHASE.

D. CONSULATES GENERAL TO OPEN SIMULTANEOUSLY ON DATE TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED.

3. LETTER ALSO STATES DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER WRITTEN SOVIET REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT FENCE AROUND CON GEN AS WELL AS OTHER SECURITY-RELATED MEASURES IN ADVANCE OF START-UP OF RECONFIGURATION.

4. FINAL PARAGRAPH OF LETTER STATES QUOTE UPON RECEIPT OF A LETTER FROM YOU AGREEING TO THE ARRANGEMENTS OUTLINED ABOVE, THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTIFY INTERESTED PARTIES OF ITS APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTIES THE EMBASSY HAS SELECTED IN NEW YORK. UNQUOTE. DEPARTMENT EXPECTS FORMAL REPLY FROM VORONTSOV BEFORE COB JUNE 20.

5. IN HIS RESPONSE TO TEXT OF LETTER, MYSHKOV EMPHASIZED NEED FOR 4TH EMBASSY OFFICER IN NEW YORK WHO WOULD NOT LIVE IN 91ST STREET BUILDING BUT WOULD RENT AN APARTMENT. RANK OF OFFICER WOULD BE CONSUL. HE WOULD BE ENGLISH-SPEAKING AND WOULD ASSIST THE LIVE-IN DOORKEEPER TYPES IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD. IN LATER CONVERSATION IT DEVELOPED THAT MYSHKOV WOULD LIKE TO ASSIGN FUTURE CONSUL WHO HAS RANK HIGHER THAN SECOND SECRETARY TO THIS POSITION.

6. GARRISON TOOK MATTER UNDER ADVISEMENT AND LATER IN DAY INFORMED VORONTSOV THAT WE HAD GRAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT LETTING SOMETHING THAT LOOKS LIKE AN ADVANCE PARTY INTO CONFIDENTIAL

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NEW YORK, BUT TO SHOW OUR DESIRE TO MOVE FORWARD WOULD AGREE TO THE 4TH OFFICER PROVIDED WE HAD FIRM ASSURANCES HE WOULD ENGAGE IN NO ACTIVITIES BEYOND HELPING THE DOORKEEPERS WITH THEIR DAILY PROBLEMS AND ARRANGING INSTALLATION OF ANY SECURITY ITEMS WE WOULD AGREE TO. MOREOVER WE EXPECTED OUR COOPERATION ON THIS MATTER WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO FORTHCOMINGNESS IN KIEV. VORONTSOV GAVE UNQUALIFIED ASSURANCE RE THE 4TH OFFICER AND OPINED THAT WE WOULD BE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED IN KIEV.

7. COPIES OF LETTER POUCHED. KISSINGER

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